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DATE: May 24, 2016

TO: Mr. Rob Wood
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FROM: Patrick O. Maxon

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REGARDING: Sacred Lands File Search and AB 52 Contact List Request

Dear Mr. Wood:

BonTerra Psomas is working with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) on **Segment C of the proposed Park to Playa Trail Project** located in Culver City, Los Angeles County, California. This project does not require a General or Specific Plan amendment or adoption; therefore, the project is not subject to the statutory requirements of Senate Bill 18 (Tribal Consultation Guidelines); however, it is subject to the requirements of AB 52. We had requested a search of the Sacred Lands File and provide a tribal contact list per AB 52 for the proposed project in August 2015. However, the project has been revised and we are going to be recirculating the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project.

The site for the proposed project remains the same, within Township 2 South; Range 14 West of the USGS **Beverly Hills, CA 7.5 Minute Quadrangle**. Refer to attached exhibit.

The proposed Segment C trail alignment would be improved through the construction of a new trail (steps) leading down from the parking lot of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, along the northern end of a retention basin on the BHRCA-owned surface property and on the slopes of the parcel where the Stoneview Nature Center is under construction. The trail would connect to a gate at the southwestern edge of the Nature Center, with a pathway in the Nature Center property providing connection to another gate at the eastern edge of the Nature Center. From this eastern gate, the trail would go down to the northeastern section of the site and tie into a proposed pedestrian bridge is proposed over La Cienega Boulevard to connect to an existing trail at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA). The project is now proposed to be constructed in two phases, with the western portion from the Overlook to the southwestern gate under Phase 1 and the eastern portion from the eastern gate to KHSRA under Phase 2.

Please fax the results to me at (714) 545-8883, or e-mail to Patrick.Maxon@Psomas.com, referencing your letter to the "**Segment C of the Park to Playa Trail Project**". If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 751-7373 or via email.

Sincerely,

BonTerra Psomas



Patrick O. Maxon, M.A., RPA
Director, Cultural Resources

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Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority
c/o Patrick Maxon
BonTerra Psomas

Sent by e-mail: Patrick.maxon@psomas.com
Number of Pages: 3

RE: Proposed Segment C of the Park to Playa Trail Project, City of Culver City, Beverly Hills USGS Quadrangle,
Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Maxon:

Attached is a consultation list of tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within the boundaries of the above referenced counties. Please note that the intent of the reference codes below is to mitigate impacts to tribal cultural resources, as defined, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects under AB-52.

As of July 1, 2015, Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 **require public agencies** to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose mitigating impacts to tribal cultural resources:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section. (Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1(d))

The law does not preclude agencies from initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated with their jurisdictions. The NAHC believes that in fact that this is the best practice to ensure that tribes are consulted commensurate with the intent of the law.

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1(d), formal notification must include a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. The NAHC believes that agencies should also include with their notification letters information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the APE, such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:
 - A listing of any and all known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE;
 - Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the potential APE; and

- If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:
 - Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code Section 6254.10.
 3. The results of any Sacred Lands File (SFL) check conducted through Native American Heritage Commission. A search of the SFL was completed for the USGS quadrangle information provided with negative results.
 4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the potential APE; and
 5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the potential APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS is not exhaustive, and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a cultural place. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the case that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our consultation list contains current information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Gayle Totton, M.A., PhD.
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

**Native American Heritage Commission
Tribal Consultation List
Los Angeles County
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Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
Linda Candelaria, Co-Chairperson
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This list is current only as of the date of this document and is based on the information available to the Commission on the date it was produced. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list applicable only for consultation with Native American tribes under Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 for the proposed Segment C of the Park to Playa Trail Project, City of Culver City, Beverly Hills USGS Quadrangle, Los Angeles County, California.



May 25, 2016

Ms. Linda Candelaria, Co-Chairperson
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1100
Los Angeles, California 90067

Subject: Park to Playa Trail Project – Segment C

Dear Ms. Candelaria:

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Your participation in this local planning process is important. If you have any additional knowledge of Native American Sacred Lands or other cultural resources on or near the study area, or would like to consult on the project under the protocols of AB 52, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (714) 751-7373 or via email at Patrick.Maxon@Psomas.com, with a subject line referencing the "Park to Playa Trail Project – Segment C".

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Mr. Robert Dorame, Tribal Chair/Cultural Resources
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
P.O. Box 490
Bellflower, California 90707

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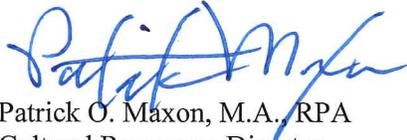
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Sincerely,
BonTerra Psomas

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Patrick O. Maxon, M.A., RPA
Cultural Resources Director



May 25, 2016

Ms. Carrie Garcia, Cultural Resources Manager
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
P.O. Box 487
San Jacinto, California 92581

Subject: Park to Playa Trail Project – Segment C

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May 25, 2016

Sandonne Goad, Chairperson
Gabrielino Tongva Nation
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Subject: Park to Playa Trail Project – Segment C

Dear Sandonne Goad:

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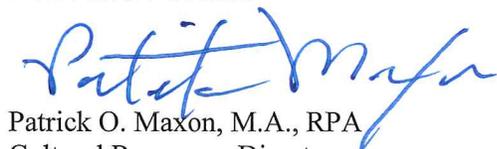
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Patrick O. Maxon, M.A., RPA
Cultural Resources Director



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Mr. Anthony Morales, Chairperson
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
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San Gabriel, California 91778

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Dear Mr. Salas:

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AB 52 requires lead agencies to consult with California Native American Tribes that request such consultation prior to the agency's release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), or notice of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), or Negative Declaration (ND) on or after July 1, 2015. Significant impacts to Tribal cultural resources are considered significant impacts to the environment. Because AB 52 places the burden of initiating consultation on the Tribes, but the law's provisions do not require the NAHC to provide lead agency information to Tribes until July 1, 2016 and CEQA revisions are not required to be adopted until that date, BonTerra Psomas is bridging the one year delay by assisting lead agencies and tribes with initiating consultation as required by the law. To that end, we have requested and received the NAHC Sacred Lands File Search and Tribal contacts list and are notifying you of this project. AB 52 allows Tribes 30 days after receiving notification to request consultation.

Location

The project location is shown on the USGS *Beverly Hills, CA 7.5 Minute Quadrangle* in Township 2 South; Range 14 West (*S.B.B.M.*). Refer to attached exhibit.

Project

The proposed Segment C trail alignment would be improved through the construction of a new trail leading down from the parking lot of the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, along the northern end of a retention basin on the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) parcel and on the slopes around the parcel that was previously developed with a school and where the Stoneview Nature Center is under construction, down to the northeastern section of the BHRCA parcel, and a proposed pedestrian bridge over La Cienega Boulevard to connect to an existing trail at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA).

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May 25, 2016
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NAHC Notification

A Sacred Lands File Search conducted by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural places on the project site. The NAHC also provided BonTerra Psomas with a list of Native American individuals/organizations that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. Your name and contact information was included on the list and serves as the basis for this letter.

Records Search

An updated archaeological/historic records search was conducted at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) at California State University, Fullerton on July 9, 2012 to evaluate the existing conditions of the project site. Four cultural resources were identified within the overall project area. A survey of the project site was completed to identify any exposed cultural resources. None were noted.

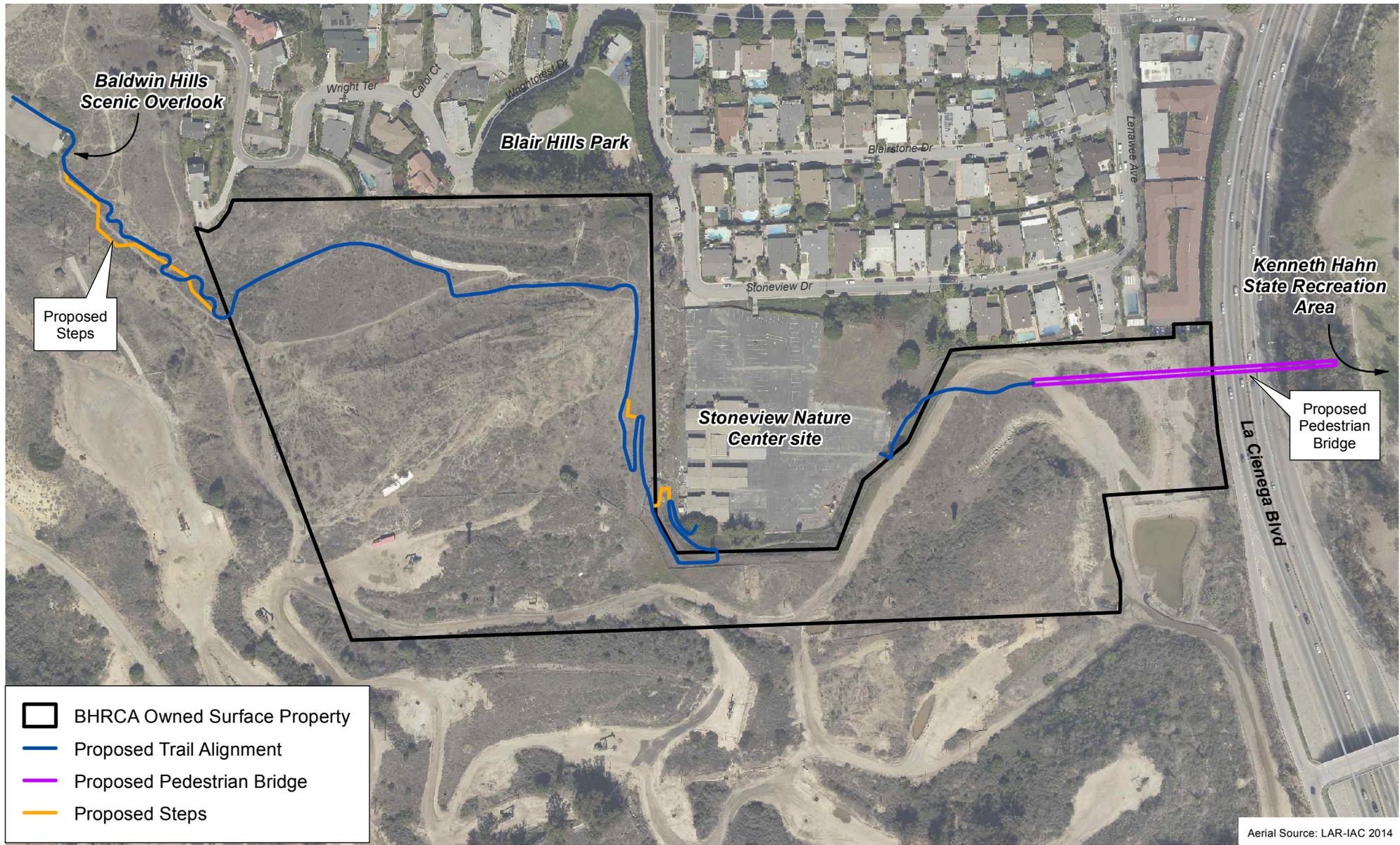
Your participation in this local planning process is important. If you have any additional knowledge of Native American Sacred Lands or other cultural resources on or near the study area, or would like to consult on the project under the protocols of AB 52, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (714) 751-7373 or via email at Patrick.Maxon@Psomas.com, with a subject line referencing the "Park to Playa Trail Project – Segment C".

Sincerely,
BonTerra Psomas



Patrick O. Maxon, M.A., RPA
Cultural Resources Director

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Aerial Source: LAR-IAC 2014

Segment C Alignment

Segment C of the Park to Playa Trail



Exhibit 3-1

